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**DECLARATION OF A. MUFIT FERMAN SHOWING PRIOR INVENTION IN THE
UNITED STATES TO OVERCOME CITED PATENT OR
PUBLICIAION (37 C.F.R. § 131)**

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PURPOSE OF DECLARATION

1. This declaration is to establish reduction to practice of the inventions claimed in this application, in the United States, at a date prior to January 3, 2003, i.e., at a date prior to the effective date of both of the cited references Jarman et al, U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0184670 (February 19, 2003) and Jarman et al., U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2004/0240747 (January 3, 2003), each cited by the Examiner in the captioned application.
2. The person making this declaration is the inventor, A. Mufit Ferman.

FACTS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

3. A working prototype of the inventions claimed in the captioned application was constructed on a date prior to January 3, 2003. Attached as an Exhibit to this declaration is an invention disclosure form, signed by myself and two witnesses. This disclosure form documents the existence of a working prototype on a date prior to January 3, 2003. The dates in this Exhibit that document conception, reduction to practice, etc. are redacted pursuant to MPEP 715.07.

4. The attached invention disclosure form, at pages 2-4, documents the procedure used when reducing to practice the inventions claimed in the present application, while FIGS 2 - 4 show the successful results of the reduction to practice of the inventions claimed in the present application.

5. The attached invention disclosure form was prepared on a word processor using an electronic template and saved electronically. The respective dates and times appearing in small type at the bottom of each page merely reflect the date and time that the copy of the saved electronic document was printed. These dates and times do not reflect the dates of conception and reduction to practice, respectively, of the claimed invention.

6. This declaration is submitted concurrently with the filing of an RCE.

DECLARATION

7. As a person signing below, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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